

Public Chapter 276

SENATE BILL NO. 734

By Kyle

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1353

By Williams

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47, Chapter 18, relative to consumer protection.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47, Chapter 18, is amended by adding Sections 2 through 4 of this act as a new part.

SECTION 2. In any circumstance in which a written contract for a wireless telecommunications device and service is required by the provider thereof, such contract shall have a separate acknowledgment, either by a separate signature line or by initialing, of any minimum service period.

SECTION 3. The penalties provided in Part 1 of this chapter shall be applicable to a violation of this part.

SECTION 4. This part shall not apply to any device or service sold, leased, or offered for sale or lease by any telephone cooperative or by any public utility that is subject to the jurisdiction of, or to regulation by, the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.

SECTION 5. This act shall apply to contracts executed after the effective date hereof and shall not apply to contracts executed prior thereto.

SECTION 6. The remedies provided under this Chapter with respect to a violation of the provisions of this part shall be available with respect to goods or services purchased by an individual primarily for personal, family or household use or purposes.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect on January 1, 1998, the public welfare requiring it.